States of Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) Physical achievements in respect of the above programmes for Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan during the Eighth Five Year Plan are given below:—

	Assam	Madhya Pradesh	Rajasthan
JRY	921.87	3742.63	1864.88
EAS*	471.45	1182.28	823.78
IRDP	263296	1016200	488854

*EAS started from 1993-94.

Note: Achievements are in lakh mandays generated for JRY & EAS and no. of families benefited for IRDP.

आठवीं योजनावधि के दौरान गांवों को सड़कों से जोड़ने के लिए निर्धारित किए गए लक्ष्य और प्राप्त की गई उपलब्धियां

861. **श्री नागमणि:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के अन्त तक एक हजार तक की जनसंख्या वाले गांवों को सड़क मार्ग से जोड़ दिए जाने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया था;

(ख) क्या यह लक्ष्य प्राप्त कर लिया गया है;

(ग) इस संबंध में निधारित किए गए लक्ष्यों और प्राप्त की गई उपलब्धियों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) जिन राज्यों में लक्ष्य प्राप्त नहीं किए जा सके हैं उनके कारणों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्र (श्री किंजराप येरन्नायडु): (क) से (घ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना वाले गांवों को सड़क, मार्ग से जोड़ने के लिए कोई विशिष्ट लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किया गया था।

Unspent Balance of the Centrally Allocated Amount for the States

862. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Miniter of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the time schedule and the corresponding amount of Central Allocation reaching the States in absolute number of percentage-wise for each State, Scheme-wise, during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that substantial part of the money is reaching the States in the last week of March, is leading to huge unspent balance and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the unspent balance is immediately returned to the GOI or retained in the State and the details thereof, State-wise.?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) The amount of central allocations under major poverty alleviation and Rural Development Schemes *viz. (i)* Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), (ii) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), (III) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and (iv) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme are released in two instalments to the State Govts./UTs. While the first instalment equivalent to 50% of Central allocation is released to DRDAs/States in the beginning of the financial year, second instalment amounting to remaining 50% is released on receipt of Audit Reports and utilisation certificates of the previous year. The release of the second instalment sometime gets delayed due to non-receipt of requisite documents from the DRDAs/State Govts. The details of

share released during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (scheme-wise and state-wise) are given in the Annexure (*See Appendix 181 Annexure No. 28)* Unspent balance, if any, is allowed to be carried over for the next financial year and are not returned by the States to the Central Government.

Funds for Development of Rural Roads

863. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided for development of rural roads;

(b) whether adequate funds have been denied for rural roads; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to increase funds for rural roads?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) Construction of Rural Roads is a State subject and funds for this purpose are provided in the Annual Plan of State Governments, and approved by the Planning Commission. The 8th Plan outlay approved for rural roads under the Minimum Needs Programme is Rs. 3066.10 crore. Anticipated expenditure is about 87.4% of the outlay. The outlay for 9th Plan has not yet been finalised.

Watershed Programme in Andhra Pradesh

864. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked for Watershed Programme in Andhra Pradesh during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) whether utilisation certificates have been received by Government;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase allocation for Watershed Programme in Andhra Pradesh during 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the quantum thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) In Andhra Pradesh Watershed Programme is being taken up under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Waste Lands Development Project (IWDP) Scheme and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). The funds earmarked for these programmes during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
DPAP	1380.00	2635.00	2755.00
DDP	—	540.00	540.00
EAS	5195.00	7275.00	10550.00
IWDP*	661.99	747.16	976.28

*Under IWDP funds are not earmarked but funds are released on project to project basis. Hence figures reported here are funds released.

(b) Utilisation Certificates from most of the districts have been received.

(c) and (d) A proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for funds for an additional 500 Watershed Projects at a cost of about Rs.2518.75 lakhs during 1997-98 under DPAP & DDP. Under IWDP, no allocation of funds is made as projects are sanctioned on project to project basis. Similarly under EAS there is no fixed allocation for States/Districts as scheme is demand driven. As such the question of any proposal to increase allocation for